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**University of Illinois Extension  
Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, and Washington Counties  
Unit 23**

Multi-County Council Minutes

October 16, 2024; 11:30 am

@ Washington County Extension Conference Center

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Jordee Koehler at 11:33 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

Council members present answering to roll call included: Julie Brooks, Mike Bruns, Dee DeMoss, Matt Hornbostel, Julie Karmeier, Julia Miessner, Elaine McNamara, Bernard Myers, and Nick Suess. Staff in attendance were Jordee Koehler, Lauren Sharp, Chris Lueking, Jamie Mahlandt, Kara Boozer, Daniel Simonton and Rhonda Mueller. Guest in attendance was Destiny Fisher.

**Educator Updates:**

Council members rotated stations to gather updates from each Educator on what is going on in that program area and allow council members to share where they feel there are gaps or needs that Extension can fill or need to be addressing.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2024 and August 21, 2024:**

Due to not having a quorum present, approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

**County Director Updates:**

Discussion was held about the trouble of getting a quorum present at Council meetings. Members are to think about a solution and contact Jordee with a solution.

Jordee announced the various positions that the Unit is going to try to fill in the next few months (Family Consumer Science Program Coordinator, Ag & Natural Resource Program Coordinator, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Community Outreach Worker, STEAM Educator and Family and Consumer Science Nutrition Wellness Educator)

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**Financial Updates:**

The September FY25 Financial report was distributed. Jordee gave an update on the status of the FY26 funding requests for each county.

**New Business:**

All council members need to complete the Open Meeting Act training sometime during the year. If it has been completed, members need to send Jordee an e-mail to reflect that so she has something for the Civil Rights Compliance file.

Nick Sues inquired if there has been any stance given on the Farm Bill; Chris Lueking responded that nothing has been released yet and is wondering if something will be shared at some upcoming meetings.

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**New Business:**

Due to not having a quorum in attendance Election of Officers is tabled until the January meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.